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## Michigan Annual Crop Summary

Michigan growers had another great crop year, with new record yields realized for corn, soybeans, and sugarbeets, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Ideal planting conditions in the spring allowed farmers to plant most crops well ahead of schedule, and the mild growing season provided excellent conditions for crops, allowing many farms to complete harvest well ahead of normal. Some highlights of the Crop Production Summary are as follows:

Michigan's average corn for grain yield was 162 bushels, up 1 bushel from last year's record high. Grain production, at 335 million bushels, was down slightly from last year due to decreased harvested acres. "While yields were lower than what had been forecast, they were still very good or excellent across most of the State's principal corn-growing areas," according to Johnson. Silage yield, at 19.0 tons per acre, was down 1.5 tons from last year.

Soybean yield, at 49 bushels, was up 6.5 bushels per acre from last year and 3 bushels per acre above the previous record yield set in 2006. Soybean harvested acres at 2.02 million acres was down 20,000 acres from last year. Production, at 99.0 million bushels, was also a state record, up 14 percent from 2014.

Sugarbeet yield, at 31.7 tons per acre, was up 2.4 tons per acre from last year. Production, at 4.79 million tons, was a new State record, up 9 percent from 2014. Acreage harvested, at 151,000 acres, was up 1,000 acres from last year.

Dry bean production in the State totaled 5.53 million hundredweight, a 26 percent increase from the previous year. Yield per acre was 90 pounds more than 2014, and acres harvested was up by 46,000 acres, which resulted in a significant increase in production. Many dry bean growers reported above average yields, and there were few reports of significant water damage to the crop.

All hay production was 2.60 million tons, up 1 percent from last year.

Nationally, corn for grain production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage.

National soybean production in 2015 totaled a record 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but up slightly from 2014. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 48.0 bushels, 0.3 bushel below the November forecast but 0.5 bushel above the 2014 yield. Harvested area is down less than 1 percent from last year's record acreage to 81.8 million acres.

# Crop Summary, January 2016

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Beans, dry						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	175	230	275	1,360	1,702	1,764
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	172	226	272	1,316	1,649	1,711
Yield.....Pounds	1,900	1,940	2,030	1,867	1,754	1,760
Production.....1,000 cwt	3,270	4,375	5,533	24,576	28,910	30,121
Corn, all						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	2,600	2,550	2,350	95,365	90,597	87,999
Corn, grain						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	2,230	2,210	2,070	87,451	83,136	80,749
Yield.....Bushels	155.0	161.0	162.0	158.1	171.0	168.4
Production..... 1,000 bu	345,650	355,810	335,340	13,828,964	14,215,532	13,601,198
Corn, silage						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	350	320	260	6,281	6,371	6,221
Yield.....Tons	17.5	20.5	19.0	18.8	20.1	20.4
Production..... 1,000 tons	6,125	6,560	4,940	118,296	128,048	126,894
Hay, all						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	940	980	970	57,897	57,062	54,437
Yield.....Tons	2.68	2.62	2.68	2.33	2.45	2.47
Production..... 1,000 tons	2,518	2,570	2,604	135,002	139,923	134,388
Peppermint						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	700	(D)	D	68,500	63,500	65,200
Yield.....Pounds	60	(D)	D	89	90	90
Production..... 1,000 lbs	42	(D)	D	6,115	5,719	5,882
Spearmint						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	1.7	(D)	D	24.5	24.4	27.2
Yield.....Pounds	70	(D)	D	119	114	113
Production..... 1,000 lbs	119	(D)	D	2,926	2,784	3,070
Soybeans						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	1,930	2,050	2,030	76,840	83,276	82,650
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	1,920	2,040	2,020	76,253	82,591	81,849
Yield.....Bushels	44.5	42.5	49.0	44.0	47.5	48.0
Production..... 1,000 bu	85,440	86,700	98,980	3,357,984	3,927,090	3,929,885
Sugarbeets						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	154	151	152	1,198	1,163	1,159
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	153	150	151	1,154	1,146	1,144
Yield.....Tons	26.2	29.3	31.7	28.4	27.3	30.8
Production..... 1,000 tons	4,009	4,395	4,787	32,789	31,285	35,278

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.